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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support

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The State of Missouri continues coordination with federal, state, local and non-profit agencies to provide support to relief efforts for people in areas adversely impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

The following actions have been taken by state agencies on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims over the last 24 hours:

- Governor Blunt also has requested the President of the United States to declare an emergency for the State of Missouri as a result of the FEMA request to assist in the relocation of disaster victims from those states impacted by Hurricane Katrina to Missouri. 44 CFR 206.35.
- The Missouri Highway Patrol will provide 50 State Troopers, plus six Communications Support personnel to aid Mississippi. They will be deployed with 13 Crown Victoria Patrol cars, 12 4WD pickups and 7 All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) (hauled on the pickups), 2 fueling vehicles (440 gallons gas/220 gallons diesel) and a Command Post/Communications vehicle. Deployment period will be approximately two weeks beginning September 9, 2005. This was Missouri's response to an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request by Mississippi.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) directed a hold on all plans to transfer evacuees from Texas to other states, though additional transfers from New Orleans continues. FEMA advises states that do not currently host evacuees to implement a standby position for all mass care preparations, unless they have been notified directly by FEMA to prepare for arrivals. SEMA has been notified by FEMA not to expect any evacuees today (9/9). FEMA expects to update the forecast late today or early tomorrow morning.
- SEMA is working the Missouri Governor's Disaster Recovery Partnership to start a
 "Call Center" at SEMA to handle the calls for donations and volunteers. The Call
 Center will work with other partners throughout the state to help the "self
 evacuees" that are arriving in the state. The Call Center will be staffed by trained

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volunteers and we plan to have it up and running sometime on Friday. We will be using a toll free number that will be posted to the SEMA website.

- SEMA is participating in daily conference calls with other state emergency management agencies within Region VII and a daily conference call with the Kansas City Urban Area Working Group.
- SEMA is continuing Level 1 activation with additional staffing in the Control Room. However, operational hours have been reduced from 24/7 operations to 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Donations management

The EOC has been receiving and recording calls (approximately 800) offering donation of goods and services since Tuesday Sept. 2nd. Those calls that could be diverted to specific registration lines, such as medical personnel, were referred. In all other cases the individuals were told that they would receive a call back regarding the disposition of their offer.

Sheltering Activities

SEMA is working diligently to identify the number of "self evacuees," however the system with the local Red Cross Chapters is not automated nor are the numbers tracked by the Faith Based Ministries. Additionally most of our contacts are not at their desk, but in the field working the sheltering activities. Over 5800 "self evacuees," have been identified by the American Red Cross and case files established.

St Louis Reception & Care Facility

A staff meeting was held at 8:00 A.M. today to share information within the group, and for each section to report what is taking place within their area.

Admin: Receipts for expenditures are to be turned into admin (along with a form that tells who bought the item and what it was used for) to document costs.

Medical: The medical unit preparing the skeleton crew schedule for the weekend. Dr. Johnson mentioned decontamination showers were set-up in the medical area.

Social Services: They will have one staff person here over the weekend from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Social Services also suggested that FEMA's phone number be displayed by the telephones for evacuees to register with FEMA

Planning: Planning will not be staffed over the weekend. A fire evacuation walk-through was performed, and the exit flow diagrams are being prepared and will be posted in the facility. The evacuation plan and diagrams will be distributed to each section to add to the Incident Command System plan. Planning is also working on a plan to shelter in

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place for tornadoes. They asked each organization/agency to be thinking about their demobilization plan.

Logistics: Logistics will not be staffed over the weekend; however, Lambert Operations will be here and available to assist each area if necessary. The outside doors will be locked after 10:00 P.M. over the weekend. Also, logistics suggested that signs be made telling everyone not to walk in the hanger area without shoes, due to the condition of the floor. The new 48 showers will be cleaned sometime this weekend and ready for use on Monday.

The Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) stated they had another airconditioned tent they would give to any section that needed one. DHSS stated that they talked to an Illinois official and that evacuees would most likely be bringing pets with them to the shelter. Arrangements have been made for veterinarians to be at this facility as well as an area designated to care for pets.

Regional Assistance Center (RAC)

As of this briefing report some Departments of St. Louis County Government have begun de-mobilizing and have relocated their operations to their customary office work place. Prior to doing so the coordinators have been in contact with the departments they support in order to insure there will be no interruption in the continuity of operations. Efforts will continue to be coordinated among them and if necessary they can return to the EOC structured environment. The following represents the significant issues that have presented themselves since the last update.

- The telephone number at the main desk of the RAC is 636-532-9282. The FAX number is 636-532-9475.
- On Saturday, September 10th, 800 1000 volunteers will receive orientation training at the Family Church. This will put the volunteer registry at approximately 2000.
- The St. Louis County Health centers have to date seen approximately 200 visits from hurricane evacuees.
- Once the health inspections are done the Dept. of Justice Services, will be ready for food service operations. In the interim the food will be arranged by the EOC Logistics staff.
- Bed rails are being obtained for children at the RAC.
- Two persons claiming to be Washington University students were at the RAC last night wanting to do some video taping. They were asked to leave and did so uneventfully.
- Sgt. Mason Keller, PIO for the St. Louis County Police Department, states that the St. Louis media focus at this time appears to be on the local issues.
- At some point in the near future a transition will be made from the current volunteer hot line (628-5400) to a different line. At that time a press release will be done to coordinate that effort with the County Executive's Office.

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 As of today the Lambert Airport evacuee site was issued a "dormitory" occupancy by St. Louis County Department of Public Works.

Plans are ongoing and the incident command working group is anticipating working until 8:00 p.m. today and returning at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Department of Health and Senior Services Operation Show-Me Care Update

DHSS Situation Room: Contact DHSS at 1-800-392-0272

- DSR activated
 - Lois Kollmeyer is Commander
 - Patrick Phillips is Co-Commander

Boeing Site prepared for reception of displaced persons

- DHSS staff in St Louis (onsite)
 - Julie Eckstein (Director), and Laura Kliethermes (PIO)

Medical Supplies

- Cribs are at the O'Fallon Wal-Mart. SEMA is to arrange for pickup and delivery today.
- The Children's Trust Fund is giving a \$5000 grant to SIDS Resources in St. Louis to purchase Portable cribs for the St. Louis Operation Show Me Care site at the airport. The cribs will be at the SIDS Resources office by Monday and they will deliver the number needed at our request.

Immunizations/Public Health Updates

- CDC's additional updated Immunization Recommendations for Hurricane Displaced Persons were distributed in a health update on September 8.
- Information on Tuberculosis Prevention in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina was distributed in a health advisory on September 8.
- Information on Illnesses Caused by *Vibrio vulnificus* Among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees was distributed in a health advisory on September 8.

Long-term Care

 DHSS continues to get offers for beds and licensed facilities for residential care and skilled beds. Community services employees are assisting in evaluating the displaced persons to identify if they need skilled care or residential care as they come into St. Louis. There are 83 nursing homes that have offered beds available for displaced persons, with approximately 1,742 beds. Of that number 130 are skilled nursing.

Volunteer Medical Personnel

• Three hundred eighty-five individuals have contacted the department to offer their services. These include 19 physicians, 162 nurses, and other health care

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professionals and pubic health volunteers. We are awaiting SEMAs request for activation.

- There are 15 ambulances with 34 staff available statewide.
- HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt announced today that the first ten Federal Medical Shelters (FMCs) will be located at Department of Defense (DoD) facilities throughout the Gulf region to provide basic health care services for Hurricane Katrina victims.

The first ten shelters will be located at Fort Polk, La. (4 Federal Medical Shelters); Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. (2 Federal Medical Shelters); Meridian Naval Air Station, Miss. (2 Federal Medical Shelters); and Mississippi National Air Guard Facility (2 Federal Medical Shelters). Each shelter has a 250-bed capacity, and HHS will provide the equipment and supplies needed to support each shelter. Up to 40 medical shelters will be created.

HHS' National Institutes of Health (NIH) also announced a number of steps to assist with the medical needs in the Gulf region. NIH is setting up a telemedicine consultation and triage facility on the NIH campus that will serve as a medical specialty service to all 40 Federal Medical Shelters on the ground. This will focus on the sickest of the sick and link to expertise and care at NIH and 125 medical centers throughout the country.

In addition, NIH is organizing a volunteer task force that will staff a medical field unit to assist in the disaster area. NIH will provide a comprehensive, integrated team of experts on the ground, including medical specialists, nurses, information technology experts, and administrators.

Finally, NIH has made 50 beds available and up to 100 in the coming days in its hospital, as part of their disaster surge capacity capabilities.

Response Resources

 DHSS continues to add updates to the Communication Incident Management System Database that will be used at the St. Louis Reception and Care Facility.

Hospital Daily Census Report

 Effective 8:00 a.m. today (Sept. 8) hospitals have been directed to submit a daily census report before 12:00 noon each day that will consist of day-to-day data in addition to Katrina-related data.